

A note to our CATAP Members and Friends as the challenges of this ever-evolving global crisis continue to impact all of us at a very personal level. As threat assessment professionals, we work tirelessly to keep our communities safe year-round by mitigating risk through best practices in our respective fields. Thank you for all you do everyday.

The top priority for our CATAP community is health and safety. That is why, in light of growing concerns surrounding the Covid-19 pandemic, we have made the difficult decision to cancel this year's national workshop and conference. We realize this event is a highlight of the work year for many, including ourselves, as a time to re-engage and reconnect with colleagues and friends, but also know that you have entrusted us as your Board to make these decisions for the wellbeing of our membership.

Furthermore, although October may be well past the worst of current health concerns, indications are that repercussions for our economy and travel will be long-lasting. The Board will be required to sign a contract with Fairmont in the near future. As this contract will commit us to over sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000), the Board believes this is too large a risk for us to take on.

For environmental considerations, we have also chosen to make JTAM accessible only electronically unless otherwise specifically requested. If you would like to receive hard copies, please contact Geoff at geoff.frisby@catap.ca

We value your continued support and encourage you to renew your annual membership for 2020/2021 now. To support continuing learning opportunities and maintain contact within our community remotely, we will be offering monthly webinars and other opportunities to support you as best we can to uphold our goal of sharing knowledge and expertise in these unprecedented circumstances. Please note, if you renew your membership by April 15th, you will be given a complimentary access code for the next upcoming webinar (TBA).

As we work together within this new landscape, we will endeavour to keep you informed and our web site (www.catap.ca) fully updated. For any other questions you may have, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

During this difficult time, *please take good care of yourself for yourself*. Only then can we take care of each other.

Stay safe and be well,



Darren Balsom, President, on behalf of the CATAP Board of Directors

